

PRESENT: Councilmembers Mendoza, Martinez & Lopez

OTHERS: Lara, Waters, Diaz, Marquez, Zacarias and Castillo

ABSENT: Ortiz & G. Gonzalez Jr.

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Albert Cendejas – Mr. Cendejas is a representative for the CSET program. He reported the senior center is a place for the local seniors to go and learn about nutrition and participate in various activities. The program is going on its 3rd year. The members have increased from the previous year of 63 to 108 last year and currently at 86. They served about 4700 meals to seniors last year and expect that number to continue to grow. They would like to express their thanks to both City staff and Fire Department for the wonderful job they did with the renovation of the scout shack. The move for the seniors was quick and smooth and the seniors love their new location.

Hilda Cano, 1101 W. Kaweah, Visalia – Ms. Cano is the Site Manager for the senior center. Ms. Cano thanked everyone and stated that everything that has been done is wonderful.

Frances Martinez, 675 Cypress, Woodlake – Ms. Martinez thanked everyone for a job well done and she is very happy with new location.

Miguel Barajas, 200 E. Sierra, Woodlake – Ms. Barajas thanked everyone and is happy bingo will continue.

Mr. Cendejas stated CSET will also offer free tax service to seniors.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR –ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items (IV. A-F)

- A. Action: Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 25, 2016
- B. Action: Approval of Warrants
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Monthly Report of Investments
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Requesting the Use of State Route 245 and/or State Route 216 for the Woodlake Unified School District, Woodlake Valley Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis of Woodlake, Woodlake Lions Club, Woodlake Rotary and The Homegrown Project Events
- E. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Drought Emergency for the City of Woodlake
- F. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Reaffirm the Approval of Emergency Expenditures for the Development and Implementation of the City of Woodlake Well Project

MAYOR MENDOZA ASKED TO PULL ITEMS IV.E AND IV.F DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM.

ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ, IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR; ITEMS IV.A, IV.B AND IV.C. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Information: Introduction and Swear In of New Police Officer
Chief Marquez introduced Officer Christopher Hinz and City Clerk Zacarias administered the Oath of Office. Mayor Mendoza welcomed Officer Hinz and asked for him to always uphold the highest principles and above all, always be safe.
- B. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Receive Public Comments, Waive 1st Reading, and Set 2nd Reading Date of Ordinances Amending or Adding Chapter 8.50 & Chapter 8.51 of the Woodlake Municipal Code
City Employee Waters reported the following: the City is introducing Chapter 8.50 Medical Marijuana, where the City of Woodlake is proposing to enact restriction on medical marijuana dispensaries, mobile dispensaries, cooperatives, collectives and cultivation and Chapter 8.51 Mobile Marijuana Dispensaries, where the City of Woodlake is proposing to prohibit mobile marijuana dispensaries. Mayor Mendoza opened up the public comment period.
PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: 6:44 PM
PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 6:45 PM
Councilmember Martinez asked if we had done everything according to the law. City Attorney Diaz assured Councilmember Martinez we are in compliance with the law and guidelines. There have been 2 cases regarding the banning of mobile dispensaries and both have been upheld in the Supreme Court of law. Mayor Mendoza reminded everyone that the City must take action on this before the March 1st deadline to keep the control with the City.
ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS, WAIVE THE 1ST READING AND SET 2ND READING TO AMEND AND ADD CHAPTER 8.50 AND CHAPTER 8.51 OF THE WOODLAKE MUNICIPAL CODE. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the Appointments to the City Council Committees
City Clerk Zacarias reported due to the resignation of previous Councilmember Chuck Ray, a vacancy has occurred on the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency and the Economic Development Corporation.
ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY MENDOZA IT WAS VOTED TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER LOPEZ TO THE OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
ON A MOTION BY MARTINEZ, SECOND BY LOPEZ IT WAS VOTED TO APPOINT MAYOR MENDOZA AS THE ALTERNATE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D. Action: Adoption of Resolution: Approval of the City of Woodlake's Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget Amendment 1
City Administrator Lara reported the following: throughout the first six months of Fiscal Year 15/16 the following funds have had unexpected changes in revenues or expenditures:

General Fund (001): The General Fund has experienced an unexpected increase in revenues as it relates to property taxes, sales taxes, business licenses, building permits, miscellaneous sales, and subdivision fees. The expected revenues for the General Fund were budgeted at \$2,101,513.00 and are now budgeted at \$2,201,513.00. The General Fund has also seen an unexpected change in expenditures. While special departmental and contractual services have decreased the City has seen an increase in expenditures associated with retirement, community promotion (parks, plaza, community center) and the acquisition of two police vehicles. Please note that the vehicle purchase was partially offset with grant funding from USDA. The expected expenditures for the General Fund were budgeted at \$1,888,626.00 and are now budgeted at \$2,027,796.00.

Water Fund (063): The Water Fund has seen an unexpected increase in revenues at it relates to service charges and penalties. The increase in service charges can be attributed to development. Water Fund Revenues were estimated at \$4,798,500.00 and are now estimated at \$4,871,000.00. The Water Fund has also seen an unexpected increase in expenditures. With the current drought situation special departmental and contractual services have increased. This is due to the drilling of a new well and continued improvements to the current water system. The City had budgeted \$4,743,551.00 in expenditures and that has increased to \$5,113,551.00. The increase is covered by Water Fund reserves.

ON A MOTION BY LOPEZ, SECOND BY MARTINEZ IT WAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND APPROVE THE CITY OF WOODLAKE'S FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT 1. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Items from Staff

City Employee Waters – reported water meters are scheduled to begin installation the 1st week of February. The spring edition of the Woodlake Magazine is done and is at the printer and should be mailed out late this week.

City Administrator Lara – reported the Roundabout and Rehab projects are in winter suspension. Rite-Aid is scheduled to open February 18th.

Chief Marquez – reported the K-9 unit is in full swing and everything is going well.

City Clerk Zacarias – reminded Council that Form 700 is due April 1st. The Kiwanis award banquet is March 4th. Nominations must be submitted by January 29th. Mayor Mendoza will purchase a table for the event.

Student Representative Castillo – reported boys basketball is away this week and girl's basketball is home. Girls soccer is away this evening and they are doing great. The senior and junior classes are getting ready for a COS placement test tomorrow. The Counseling staff has done a great job emailing the senior class scholarship information.

Mayor Mendoza stated he received notification that the Girls soccer won tonight, 10-2.

City Attorney Diaz – reported Council and staff are due to have their AB 1234 training soon. He asked City Clerk Zacarias to contact his office to schedule the training in March.

B. Information: Items from Council

Councilmember Martinez – thanked Public Works staff for the great job they have been doing during the rainy season.

Councilmember Lopez – reported that Baseball and Softball sign ups have started. Sign-ups are every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm. Sign-ups are held at the Woodlake Pizza Factory.

Mayor Mendoza – reported he will be attending a conference in Washington where he will be the lead speaker on water issues and discussion. He attended the Woodlake

Economic Development meeting last week and is excited to see the spring edition of the magazine. He is also pleased to announce the sales tax revenue has doubled from last year and this is due to more residents shopping locally. There will be a Donkey Basketball game on February 26th at the school event center that will be sponsored by Woodlake FFA. He will also not be in attendance at the February 8th meeting.

C. Request from Council Members for Future Agenda Items

VII. CLOSED SESSION

1. **PENDING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9). It is the intention of this governing body to meet in closed-session concerning:

Conference with legal counsel – **EXISTING LITIGATION** (Government Code § 54956.9(d) (1)).

Parties, case/claim no.

Case name unspecified because of jeopardy to settlement negotiations or service of process.

City Administrator Lara stated there will be no close session due to information not be delivered to City Hall.

VIII. ADJOURN

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 350 North Valencia Boulevard, Woodlake, CA 93286.

City Council:

Rudy Mendoza - Mayor

Frances Ortiz - Vice Mayor

Louie Lopez - Councilmember

Greg Gonzalez Jr. - Councilmember

Jose L. Martinez - Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Zacarias

City Clerk